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1. It was observed on 5 February 1951 that sentries in the area of the Arado Plant, Brandenburg (N 53/Z 23), wore tank insignia. Four T-34 tanks left the plant area for the training field near Neuendorf on the same day. Another T-34 tank was in a plant building. On 14 February, four T-34 tanks left for the training field near Neuendorf, where they practiced with accompanying infantrymen who, equipped with portable radio sets, advanced either in front of or behind the tanks. Motor vehicles observed in the area of the Arado Plant

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2. Sentries wearing black epaulets stood guard at the Pionier Kaserne on Einsteinstrasse, which quartered about 800 troops. [REDACTED] the troops belonged to tank and signal units. The tanks of the tank unit were sheltered in the Arado Plant. Motor vehicles [REDACTED] were observed in the billeting area. (1)

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3. A barracks building which was referred to as Artillerie Kaserne is located on Magdeburgerstrasse, between the Flak Kaserne and the Infanterie Kaserne. It is entered through the billeting area of the Flak Kaserne and was occupied to about 30 percent of capacity. The motor vehicle sheds behind the barracks yard sheltered vehicles of the troops in the Flak Kaserne. (3)
4. Gate guards at the Flak Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Four buildings were occupied by 1,000 to 1,200 troops.

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Jeep [] carried mail bags. Motor vehicles observed in the
billeting area []

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5. Sentries at the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne on Magdeburgerstrasse wore red-bordered black epaulets. Having repeatedly observed motor vehicles from Rathenow entering the installation, [] there was some connection between Soviet units in Rathenow and those in the barracks installation. Motor vehicles observed in the billeting area []

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Comments.

- (1) The observation of tanks and [] that the Pioneer Kaserne quarters a tank unit appear credible. The unit is believed to be the 63d Gds Tank Regt of the 10th Gds Tank Div. This belief is supported by the fact that most motor vehicles observed there belonged to the division and to air force units. A signal unit was reported for the first time to be located in the Pioneer Kaserne.
- (2) [] belongs to an unidentified Soviet unit in Gumbinnen, Baltic MD.
- (3) In order from west to east, the adjoining barracks installations on Magdeburgerstrasse are the Flak Kaserne; the Kuerassier Kaserne, which is also called Infanterie Kaserne or Artillerie Kaserne or Polizeischule; and the Infanterie Kaserne, which is also called General Hirschfeld Kaserne. The Flak Kaserne is believed to quarter components of the unidentified AT Arty Brig, possibly the 3d Gds, of the LXXIX Itz Rifle Corps, while the two other installations are probably occupied by elements of the 6th Arty Div. Motor vehicles observed at the Flak Kaserne confirm this belief.
- (4) [] belongs to a component unit of the 6th Arty Div.
- (5) [] analysis shows that the Generalfeldzeugmeister Kaserne, like the Kuerassier Kaserne, also called Infanterie Kaserne, quarters component units of the 6th Arty Div. This is confirmed by [] the units there seem to be affiliated with units in Rathenow.

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